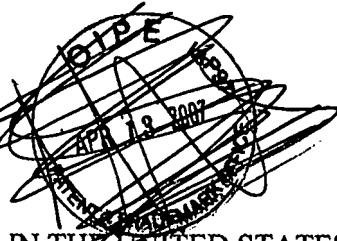


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In response to the final Office Action dated October 16, 2006, the period for response having been extended for three months by the attached petition, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

A Notice of Appeal hereby accompanies this response.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975.

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